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SUBJECT: UNSSOD PREPCOM IV: ELABORATION OF FRENCH
DISARMAMENT INITIATIVE

1. AT FEB 24 AM BARTON GROUP MEETING FRENCH REP
(MISTRAL) ELABORATED ON FRENCH DISARMAMENT PROPOSALS
ON BASIS OF PAPER WHICH FRANCE SUBSEQUENTLY INTRO-
DUCED AT FEB 24 PM PREPCOM (A/AC.187/105). (NOTE:
PAPER WILL BE HANDCARRIED TO ACDA/MA AND IO/UNP AND
POUCHED TO NATO, GENEVA, PARIS AND LONDON). HIGH-
LIGHTS OF PAPER, WHICH INCLUDES THE FOUR PROPOSALS
OUTLINED BELOW, AND MISTRAL'S COMMENTS FOLLOW.

2. MECHANISMS. THE FIRST COMMITTEE WOULD BE THE
UN DELIBERATIVE BODY ON DISARMAMENT SITTING AS
"THE DISARMAMENT COMMISSION". THE CCD SHOULD BE RE-
PLACED BY A NEW NEGOTIATING BODY, PERHAPS TO BE
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CALLED THE DISARMAMENT COMMITTEE, WHICH WOULD RE-
PORT TO THE UN DISARMAMENT COMMISSION. THE DISARMA-
MENT COMMITTEE WOULD HAVE 30 TO 40 MEMBERS, AND WOULD
HAVE A CHAIRMAN CHOSEN -- PERHAPS FOR TWO YEARS --
AMONG PARTICIPATING STATES EXCLUDING THE PERMANENT
MEMBERS OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL. MISTRAL COMMENTED
THAT FRANCE DID NOT HAVE A FIXED VIEW ON THE COMPO-

SITION OF THE DISARMAMENT COMMITTEE -- EXCEPT THAT IT SHOULD INCLUDE REPRESENTATIVES FROM ALL REGIONS AS WELL AS ALL SECURITY COUNCIL MEMBERS -- NOR ON WHETHER THERE SHOULD BE ROTATION OF MEMBERS. HE ALSO SAID THE COMMITTEE MIGHT HAVE THE SAME COMPOSITION AS THE CCD.

3. INTERNATIONAL OBSERVATION SATELLITE AGENCY. IN ORDER TO MONITOR DISARMAMENT AGREEMENTS, THE AGENCY WOULD COLLECT, ANALYZE AND DISSEMINATE RELEVANT INFORMATION OBTAINED THROUGH SATELLITES. THE SATELLITES MIGHT, BUT NOT NECESSARILY, BE UNDER THE DIRECT CONTROL OF THIS NEW AGENCY. MISTRAL SAID THAT FRANCE RECOGNIZED THAT THE PROPOSED AGENCY WOULD BE VERY EXPENSIVE, AND SAW IT AS A LONG TERM, RATHER THAN AN IMMEDIATE PROSPECT.

4. INTERNATIONAL DISARMAMENT FUND FOR DEVELOPMENT. THIS FUND MIGHT INITIALLY BE OF ONE BILLION DOLLARS, HALF OF WHICH MIGHT BE PROVIDED BY THE NUCLEAR POWERS (ON THE BASIS OF THE NUMBER OF DELIVERY VEHICLES EACH POSSESSES) AND HALF OF WHICH MIGHT BE PROVIDED BY OTHER WEALTHY AND HEAVILY ARMED STATES. MISTRAL COMMENTED THAT ULTIMATELY FUNDING MIGHT COME FROM A TAX ON ALL ARMAMENTS, INCLUDING NUCLEAR WEAPONS, WARPLANES, TANKS, ETC.
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5. INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR DISARMAMENT RESEARCH. THE PURPOSE OF THE INSTITUTE WOULD BE TO CONDUCT TECHNICAL STUDIES ON DISARMAMENT PROBLEMS, FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY. THE UN WOULD DESIGNATE THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL OF THE INSTITUTE AND WOULD FINANCE IT, BUT SUBSTANTIVELY THE INSTITUTE WOULD HAVE COMPLETE AUTONOMY. MISTRAL CALLED THE INSTITUTE "AN INTERNATIONALIZATION OF SIPRI" (STOCKHOLM INTERNATIONAL PEACE RESEARCH INSTITUTE). YOUNG

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